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From Europe.

On the 12th of April, Mr. Gladstone duly moved the second reading of the Reform, or Franchise Bill, and in so doing is said to have made "a more varied and earnest speech than he ever delivered before," which indicates a spirit and determination on the part of the administration, for which they were not given credit when the bill was originally introduced. Earl Grosvenor was apparently prepared, and according to programme announced in advance, at once moved his amendment in favour of "postponing the question of suffrage until the entire scheme contemplated by the Government—including that of the distribution of seats—was laid before Parliament." Lord Stanley seconded the amendment. The debate appears to have been an animated one, having already brought out many influential speakers. The Marquis of Hartington, John Stuart Mill, and others advocated the passage of the bill, and Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, Gen. Peel and others spoke against it. The Star prophesies a majority of thirty in favour of the bill; and it has already been rumoured in London that Earl Grosvenor contemplated the withdrawal of his motion.—There was no undue excitement either in or outside of the House, and no indication whatever that mob demonstration which some members affected to anticipate. The few hundreds which were assembled outside the House loudly cheered Mr. Gladstone and other prominent liberals on their arrival.

In the House of Commons, on the 15th, Mr. Cardwell, in reply to an inquiry, said the question of protecting the interests of fishermen on the North American coasts, on the termination of the Reciprocity treaty, was under consideration by the law officers of the Crown.

A terrible accident took place at the Cheltenham races. A stand gave way, burying 800 persons in the ruins. Many were severely hurt, but none are reported dead.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times says the object of Head Centre Stephens, in going to Paris, was to attract general attention to his cause or person, it has proved a failure.

In alluding to a panic on the Bourse, the Paris correspondent of the London Times says:—One of the disquieting rumours was that the relations between the French and the United States governments were such as to justify the very worst fears, all of course on account of Mexico.

In the London money market, also, almost a panic prevailed, and three considerable failures on the Stock Exchange had taken place.

The Times, of the 1. th, in its city article, says the only fact before the public is, that all proceedings between Austria and Prussia are from day to day identical with those which have usually preceded every modern war between powerful nations.

The steamship Hermann has arrived at New York with news to the 18th ult.

Stowing away the new Atlantic cable in the tanks on board the Great Eastern, commenced on the 14th.

The Times' city article says:—Confidence is completely destroyed. The only chance for a turn in the markets would be from the actual commencement of war on the Continent, and change at once the current of attention.

The news from Germany is less threatening. An attempt has been made to assassinate the Czar of Russia. The bullet missed its aim.

The Canadian steamship Hibernian, with news to the 20th, passed Father Point on the 30th ult.

The House of Commons is still debating the Reform bill.

Austria and Prussia.—German affairs continued to be more reassuring and there was a growing belief in peace. A Vienna telegram of the 18th says Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Saxony, Baden and Darmstadt are quite united on the German and federal question; should war occur they would all be on the side of Austria. Their agreement encouraged the hope that peace may not be disturbed.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times says Count Bismarck has repeatedly tendered his resignation within the last few days but has been unable to obtain the sanction of the King to his withdrawal.

The modification of the cabinet will probably be accelerated by the Emperor of Austria having informed the Emperor of the French that under certain circumstances he would not object to lay the question of the duchies before an European congress. The writer says most positively that no concentration of troops has taken place in any part of Prussia, and that there is not a trace of any measure capable of being construed as aggressive.

Peace meetings continued to be held in the large towns throughout Prussia.

The text of the Prussian reply to the Austrian despatch of the 7th inst. is published. It dwells especially on the admitted movements of Austrian troops on the Prussian frontier, by which Prussia was led to take defensive measures, and says if Count Mensdorff, after the Emperor had passed his word that no aggression was intended by Austria, still continues military preparations, it cannot be expected that Prussia, equally clear denial of hostile intention having been given by the King, should relinquish those defensive measures which were called forth by the attitude of Austria.

The Prussian answer to England's remonstrance is said to be cold and haughty.

The Austrian answer says Austria does not ask an inch of land in the Duchies, nor will she accept if Prussia wishes to annex the Duchies, and Austria is bound to support the rights of Schleswig Holstein people. She will not dictate to them, but requires that the will of the people and of the Diet should be respected. The Prussian and Austrian troops should be withdrawn, and the people should choose a government by universal suffrage. Austria accepts the decision, even if it is in favour of Prussia.

A Copenhagen telegram says the government of Denmark has received communications which will compel it to assume a less passive attitude in the German dispute, and it has adopted resolutions of an important character.

RUSSIA.—There were great rejoicings at St. Petersburg and elsewhere on account of the Emperor's escape from assassination. The man who attempted the Emperor's life is a Russian land owner of small means, who considered himself injured by the emancipation of the serfs. He discharged a pistol within a few feet of the Emperor, and the shot would have probably taken effect had not a peasant turned aside the assassin's arm. This peasant has been ennobled and is said the Emperor with perfect presence of mind himself seized the culprit, asking him quietly, "what have I ever done to you that you should seek my life?"

Fenian Movements.

The Eastport, Me., correspondent of the St. John Globe, writes on the 20th ult., as follows:—

Gen. Meade arrived yesterday in the steamer Regulator, with about 150 men of the 3rd U. S. Artillery, and after a short stay passed up to Calais, where he has left the men, and returned to Eastport with his staff in the afternoon. Here he took up his headquarters at the residence of a private gentleman, and will remain here, it is said, until the whole movement is completely squelched. He declares his determination to crush it out if it should take 150,000 men to do it. On that the people of the Province may rely. Gen. Meade is a fine-looking man, of about 55 or 60 years of age, of determined will, and on his arrival fraternized more cordially with the reporter of the New York Tribune than even with the national authorities of the port. Last evening he spent considerable time at the fort, and was present during the opening of the boxes containing arms, ammunition, &c., seized the other night, and which were landed at Union wharf by the authorities yesterday, and hauled to the fort. There could not have been fewer than 50 boxes, addressed 'M. H. Kerrigan, Portland, Me.' Some of these boxes were very large and heavy, so heavy that one horse affixed to the tackle could not hold them from the hold of the

schooner. The operation of hauling to the fort occupied several teams during most of the afternoon.

The seizure of these arms galled the Fenians almost to desperation, and the leaders, especially Slinnot and Kerrigan, openly denounced the local authorities and the people of the place for conspiring against them, saying that they feared the destruction of their own illicit trade with the Provinces, and therefore gave the information which led to the seizure.

The building at Indian Island, where the Custom house was kept, and all the goods in bond which were destroyed by fire, were the property of American citizens, of Eastport, who had rendered themselves obnoxious to the Fenians by their remarks.

Killian is reported to have written to Gen. Meade, asking if he had instructions to seize any arms intended to protect the "rights of fishermen." Gen. Meade replied that he would seize all arms he had any reason to suppose would be used in the breaking of the neutrality laws, and also arrest all parties having anything to do with them for such a purpose. Killian took the hint and his departure.

PORTLAND, Me., April 27.—The steamer New Brunswick arrived from Eastport this morning with 200 Fenians. On leaving for Boston, several who had come ashore were left behind. At the entrance of the harbour, the Fenians, who were spoiling for a fight, drew their pistols on the officers and obliged the boat to put back. Some of the ringleaders were put ashore and sent on by rail, and the boat proceeded at nine o'clock.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 27.—Wm. H. Grace, Fenian organizer and captain in the late Eastport expedition, has arrived here from Portland, on his way home. He says the expedition would have been a success had Gen. Killian been sustained. He considers O'Mahony an imbecile and a fraud on the public and says that the only hope of success is in supporting Roberts and Sweeney. He has told the circle here to send no more money to Union Square.

New York, April 29.—Thomas J. Kiley, adjutant-general, I. R. A., desires to announce to all friends of Irish freedom that J. Stephens, C. E. I. R., would positively sail from Havre on the steamship Napoleon III., on Saturday the 28th, due here about the 5th of May. Mr. Stephens will address the people in the different American cities.

Towards the end of the month of January, Gen. Sweeney pledged himself, "if supported," to conquer "a certain territory" before the sun of May shone; and Col. Roberts promised within "ninety days" to have the green flag supported by the greatest army of Irishmen the sun ever shone upon. The periods indicated have already expired, and these heroes have not redeemed their pledges—for want of funds and a sufficient supply of cartridges; but we learn from a New York paper that—

"The Roberts-Sweeney headquarters begin to wear a martial aspect, quite different from the quiet halls of Union Square. The two chief leaders, President Roberts and Gen. Sweeney, are closeted together for many hours each day. The arms and sinews of war have aggregated to immense quantities. Owing to the explosion of the Killian-O'Mahony movement, it is claimed by the others that the confidence in all Fenianism is somewhat staggered. The funds, they say, are not given now by the masses, and that only 'the initiated' are subscribing. It is stated that the sum of sixty thousand dollars was subscribed by the ten Senators and President Roberts, the latter giving twenty-five thousand dollars of the amount. This seems a sort of last resort to secure a fight, even at the eleventh hour."

"Dr." Gustaff was tried on Monday, before Chief Justice Draper, at the York and Peel Assizes, for the attempt to poison Alexander McKinnon, a bookseller in Toronto, some months since. The jury found him guilty, and the judge sentenced the "Dr." to fifteen years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

The following is the Time Table of the passenger trains on the Grand Trunk Railway at the Belleville Station:

Day Express going East, 11. 35 A. M.
Night Express going East, 12. 05 A. M.
Mixed Train going East, 10. 37 P. M.
Day Express going West, 7. 15 P. M.
Night Express going West, 7. 15 A. M.
Mixed Train going West, 11. 30 A. M.
Montreal Time.



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MADOC, SATURDAY, MAY 5.

The Governor-General left Montreal on the 2nd inst., and proceeded to Ottawa, where His Excellency will now take up his permanent residence. He was heartily cheered on his departure from the former city, and was received at the capital with all the usual demonstrations of loyalty on state occasions. In the course of his reply to the address presented by the corporation, Lord Monck stated that the British Government had informed him of their readiness to send him all the reinforcements for which he had thought it advisable to apply for the defence of the Province.

The examination of Murphy and the other Fenian prisoners was resumed at Cornwall on the 2nd inst., and resulted in all of them being committed for trial, with the exception of Sheedy, who, it was understood would be discharged, as there was no evidence against him.

BOMBARDMENT OF VALPARAISO—*Twenty Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed*.—After months of hesitation the Spaniards have proceeded to put in, to execution their threat of bombarding Valparaiso, in retaliation for their failure to obtain redress from Chili for alleged grievances. The bombardment took place on the 31st of March, after four days' notice had been given, for the purpose of allowing the removal of the sick, &c., from the city. Fire was opened at nine o'clock by several men-of-war, and was kept up for nearly three hours without intermission. All the foreign representatives in the city protested earnestly against the bombardment, but ineffectually. All the commercial parts of the town, the custom house, government buildings, &c., are destroyed. The loss is estimated at fifteen to twenty million of dollars, chiefly on property belonging to

British, American, and other foreign residents.—Accounts of the affair are received at present only thro American sources, and they lay the blame on the British Admiral, Denman, for not interposing forcibly with the vessels under his command to prevent the bombardment. Commodore Rodgers offered to co-operate with the American squadron present, but declined to take any separate responsibility upon himself; and yet he is complimented for offering to assist others in a task, which he did not deem it prudent to undertake on his "own hook."

The failure of the Eastport expedition has led to the downfall of Hend Centre O'Mahoney. Some of the Peonians who had been humbugged into going to Eastport, returned in a savage mood to New York, and visited O'Mahoney at his splendid headquarters in the Moffatt Mansion, Union Square. Looking at the doors and clapping their pistols to his head, they made him disgorge a part of the spoils, as some compensation for their trouble and loss of time.—The New York delegates have also taken the matter up, and called O'Mahoney to account. He has not yet been officially deposed, the delegates awaiting the arrival of Hend Centre Stephens to proceed with the investigation; but in the meantime, they have taken possession of the headquarters, and turned out O'Mahoney's paid officials. It is scarcely likely that Stephens can now revive sufficient enthusiasm to get enough funds together for either wing of the Brother-hood to make another attempt at invasion.

The "Intelligencer" to the Rescue!

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County Council were not deceived as Schumacher, and I did not for the same develop itself until the resolution was passed. Making is a broad force, only one of the worse than children. I have heard by the Walter when exchanging these views for having heard by the Walter. We trust that people will not be misled by such resolutions and a grant. Council in the County will petition for will circulate petitions and send them to the Parliament. Flint is as much a representative of North Wales as the North Wales, and far more reliable, therefore it would be slight to neglect it. I don't doubt it is for fear that the hue and cry is made. But I don't doubt it is for fear to let us have the road if possible, and in the way they secure it, let us trust those most who are least likely to

We want no better proof that our remarks of 21st ult., on the Township Council's Railway proposition, have produced the desired effect, than the article from the *Intelligencer*, which was appended to what we first had to say on the subject, under the sarcastic but threadbare heading of "A Temperate Note."

It is an old trick with "artful dodgers," who cannot give a straightforward answer, to attempt to overwhelm their opponents with ridicule. Perhaps the *Intelligencer* thought that we should be completely demolished by that "tempest in a teapot," and a very funny idea of the President of the U. S. read the *Mercury* (which is just as likely as that he has ever seen the *Intelligencer's* *jeu d'esprit*); but to be so utterly harmless the attack is, so far as we are concerned, we need only quote the epigrammatic verdict of one of the soundest Conservatives in the Nation—namely—that when he saw the length of the *Intelligencer's* article, he thought there must be something in it; but when he read it, he found these words:

Let some should think that a point is soon against us by the statement that the "County Council has passed a somewhat" similar resolution we beg to ask—When? and to say, further, that even in that case, we have our doubts about the influence of the County Council, although president of the County of Madoc in the capacity of Warden of the County Council, although president of the County Council, which the County Council has appointed two of its own members to the new office of Valuator, which appears to us to be an infringement of a certain provision of the Statutes concerning Municipal institutions, unless those gentlemen are going to perform their duties for nothing. Does the Intelligence understand us, or can it poke a little more fun at our ignorance?

We receive with perfect equanimity the assertion that our *Tempest* in a Teapot is not only a "violent attack," but also a "broad farce," as the *Intelligencer* has so kindly proved, by its attack upon us, that the "resolution" it defends, was only part of a political dodge.

In conclusion, we ask our witty "big brother" if he is sharp enough to guess what we mean when we say, with reference to his article, that—"the voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A Woman and Child Burned to Death.—A terrible fire occurred in the township of Sidney, near Smithville, about 12 o'clock on the night of the 27th April last, by which an old woman, aged 65, named Mrs. Corbett, and a grand-child, named Hugh Boyle, lost their lives. The fire was discovered by Wm. Johnston, a son-in-law of the deceased, who found the house almost entirely enveloped in flames. He immediately gave the alarm, and succeeded in waking and saving seven of the inmates, some of whom had to be dragged through the flames, and most of them were badly burned. The remains of the unfortunate woman and child were found shortly after the fire abated,—the child a few feet, and the old woman a mere trunk; and strange to say, that though the woman had a cotton night-gown on, they were not burned, and the remains were easily recognized by them. It is supposed the fire originated from a candle in deceased Mrs. Corbett's room, as she was in the habit of keeping a candle lighted all night, being an invalid; the flames had caught on the curtains of the bed or window, and she was doubtless smothered in sleep. The parents reside in Town, and he had gone to his father's for a visit the day the catastrophe occurred.

curred. The old man, Jas. Corbett, is so badly burned that his life is despaired of. An inquest was held by Dr. James Power, Coroner, when the above facts were elicited, and a verdict of accidental death returned. In connection with the above heart-rending case, we may mention that a son and a daughter were to have been married on Monday, 30th ult., when this calamity occurred. Both are severely burned. Everything in the house was consumed; those who escaped saved nothing. The calamity is a fearful one, and has cast a gloom over the whole neighborhood.—*Chronicle.*

GRAT FIRE AT DETROIT, AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Thursday night, April 28th, the depots and offices of the Detroit and Milwaukee, and Michigan Southern roads, in the city of Detroit, were entirely destroyed by fire. Freight depots and offices, passenger depots, waiting rooms, ticket offices, docks and buildings of every description, were swept away; as well as a large number of freight cars loaded with merchandise; a complete train of passenger cars for Grand Haven and Milwaukee, besides a number of cars standing on the side tracks.—The fire originated in the Detroit and Milwaukee freight depot, through a leaky barrel containing oil, naphtha or benzine, igniting while an assistant was carelessly passing a light near it, to ascertain its contents. The flames spread in all directions with such rapidity that some of the passengers in a sleeping car of the train which was made up and only waiting for the engine to start, were unable to make their escape, and lost their lives.—The ferry steamer Windsor, which lay alongside the dock unloading, was also burned to the water's edge, and out of about 34 men, who were on and in the vicinity of the boat when the conflagration commenced, less than ten have yet been found, the others being drowned. Many of them were residents of Windsor, Canada. The boat had been busily engaged in carrying over freight for the Great Western Railway. The amount of merchandise in the several stores at the time of the fire was greater than at any previous period this season—and the total loss is estimated at \$750,000. Eighty-five cars were burnt.—On the following Saturday, four men were killed and seven were wounded, by the fall of a brick wall, while engaged in clearing up the wreck of the fire.

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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the COURT OF REVISION for the United Townships of TUDOR, WOLLASTON, and LUDLOW, will be held at MILLBRIDGE on the 21st Day of MAY, 1886. All Persons interested are requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By Order, WILLIAM HARPER, Township Clerk.

MILLBRIDGE, Tudor, April 23, 1886.

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OATS	35 cents.
CORN	35 cents.
WHEAT, Fall	\$1.12 1/2 25
Do., Spring	\$1.29 1/2 20.
RYE	45 cents.
PEAS	35 cents.
HIDES	\$5 per 100 lbs.
SHEEPSKINS	75-80 cents for fresh.
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BUTTER	10d. per lb.
EGGS	6d.
HAY	\$7 per ton.

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A strange mysterious stillness fills
The air, and waits the coming morn;
Softly, the morning star reveals
How faded clouds speed fast away;
Night melts and darkness, once dismay,
Flies, as bursts forth the new-born day.
Then brightly glancing, laughing sunbeams
Stray in ger shadow, chase away;
The water lark, upspringing soaring,
Sings to the sun his rising lay.
Thomson's of thy in act: one
Spring into life, the glad wings spread;
Roused by the sun, the hungry fish
Darts swift from his mossy bed.
The sunbeams kiss the drooping flowers,
They raise their heads to welcome dawn,
Smile through their dew-drops, then open
To let the warm bright ray.
From their soft nests the songsters spring,
Glad music gings from each throat,
Till with the song the willows ring,
And each catches each sweet note.

FRANK BLUNT'S REVELATION.

(Concluded)

"There was no effection in Mary Percival—far from it. Looking back from a later day upon the events and feelings of that time, I was more wise to know the truth. Then I was only a selfish man who was not a coxcomb at all. Let me see, which was I? I told you I was at home before Christmas. I was entered at the Inner Temple then; and one day, early in the new year, I was alone in my chambers, when an idea, which had been a long time simulating, boiled and bubbled into a determination. It was to write, to write, to Mary Horner, and to learn the worst of the best. Ah! I can just put it now. I wrote: 'The thermometer stood at twenty. There were blocks of ice in the river like horse-and-candy, but I let my fire out while at my absorbing task.' I wrote. I have a bad habit of spilling several sheets of paper when I write an important letter. I can show you a fac simile of this, discarded because of the capital M being of two varieties. There it is, read it. This was the letter:—

"London, Jan. 3rd.

"MY DEAREST MARY—I cannot call you by any other name and speak truly. Forgive me if the truth is distasteful to you. Forgive, too, this method of making it known. In all our happy association I have not dared—yes, that is the word—to tell you this. 'A faint heart,' you will say; but 'the bright particular star always seemed so far above me.' These are calm words, dear, when my love is warm; these are cold words, when my heart is beating wildly. I would rather read my a sentence, if it is to be banishment; but oh! I would ten times rather hear it if it has one word of hope. Let me have it that word, and I will be with you. In any case, I feel that you will deal tenderly as well as truthfully with me.
Yours, devotedly, FRANK."

"In that same hour," he continued, "I decided to tell Mary Percival of what I had done. There is a pretty accurate copy of my letter to her."

It ran thus:—

"London, Jan. 3rd.

"I know, dear Mary, that I do not look in vain for sympathy from you. I need it greatly to-day. You will believe this when I tell you what I have done. I have written to ask someone to give me her heart. Can you guess who it is? I am not hopeful, but I am not despairing. I cannot say more now than that in all my fortune I am confident of your utterly regard.
Yours affectionately, FRANK."

When I had read this without remark, Blundell went on with his narrative.

"I had finished these letters and folded them, when there was a rap at my door, followed immediately by the entrance of my opposite neighbour. 'Well, I never!' was his exclamation, 'are you out of coal?' I looked round upon the black grate for answer, having first put the letters into envelopes and fastened them. 'I came to see if you were inclined for a skate,' my visitor said; 'it was pretty good. They say it is capital to-day; but come and have some lunch with me before we go. You are miserable here.' I accepted the invitation, and wished to get rid of him said, 'I go on and order it.' When he was gone, I directed the envelopes containing my letters, and followed him, taking them with me to post in my way to the Park. There were a great many skaters, and the ice was for the most part strong. But here and there, as is always the case except after a protracted frost, were weak places. On one of these I skated at a rapid pace and went

down, without a warning crack, into the bitterly cold water. The ice was above me when I rose, but I could hear voices near me before I sank again. I came up once more, but it was to feel a heavy blow to be in an explosion of fireworks, and then to lose all consciousness. The clumsily-given aid was nearly as fatal to me as the ice-prison would have been. How I was carried home to my father's house, and suffered many days from the combined effects of the plunge and the blow, I could tell you only as it was told me. I was long unconscious, and for some time after the dangerous symptoms had abated I could take no notice of what was passing around me.

"I was gradually recovering, however, both physically and mentally; and one morning I became aware, upon awaking from a dose, that I was not alone. Some one had come in while I slept, and was sitting by my side. A soft hand was laid on mine, and as I looked round, a gentle, well-known voice spoke. It was Mary Percival's. 'I am so thankful, dear,' it said; 'so very thankful.' I was still weak and cried. She stooped and kissed my forehead. 'Bless you!' she whispered, and with an arch smile, continued, 'It was a funny letter for you to write to me. Besides, I thought—she paused, looking at me. Then she said, 'I must talk to you about it another day, and could you; but thank you for it now a thousand times! I came to give you my answer, and found you here. Oh, Frank! How could you be afraid of me? How could you doubt my love? But that is all past now, and I must not tire you even with my happiness. Good-bye, dearest.' And she went out very quickly, the tears blinding her.

"It is a shame to speak of this; but you are my friend, and it is necessary, if you are to understand my feelings. You can imagine them. What had come to me or to her? I scarcely heeded; I made no response to her words; but this she doubtless attributed to my weakened state; and when she left me I lay looking wonderingly at the door. At last a thought struck me. I rang my bell. It was answered by my mother. I asked her if there were any letters for me. She feared I was not equal to exertion, but went to fetch them. As soon as I was alone again I searched for one. I found it. You shall see it in the original."

He handed me the letter. It was written in firm, clearly-cut characters, more Greek than "Italian," and was as follows:—

"Shalford Rectory, Jan. 4th.

"MY DEAR FRANK.—It was so kind of you to depend upon my sympathy. Be assured you have it. I do hope you will be accepted; but of course you will, and be immensely happy. You can't think how glad I was to hear about it. Do you know, I fancied, like a vain thing, that you were just the least bit in the world what Fred would call 'apocry' upon somebody here. I should have been so sorry—don't be angry—for Charles and I have been engaged the last two years. We have said nothing about it, except, of course, to papa and mamma; and the same spot that brought your letter brought one for him, offering him a long expected living. Now we hope to be married this year. Dear old Charles! he is so good. I shall we all shall, be anxious to know more from you. What weather! Fred is suffering. He says of us, of Charles and me and you, 'Poor things! poor things! We don't think so, do we? I hope some day to see and love your wife. I can guess who it is. I know you like the name of Mary. With good wishes from all of us for the new year, believe me, your sincere friend,
MARY HORNER."

Blundell was standing by me, looking over my shoulder, as I read.

"I took in the truth at once," he said. "Don't you?" "Why," I gasped, "you had reversed the directions. I saw that at a glance, when you gave me this."

"Exactly! To say that I was not confounded—shocked at first—would be untrue. How could it be otherwise? But in the calm reflection of succeeding days (for I was left in quietness to gather strength) a feeling of satisfaction grew upon me, grateful satisfaction that I had escaped rejection—humiliation on the one hand, and the sorrow of inflicting useless pain on the other; that I had lost no friend, but had found a noble heart's great love. How I came to give my heart to Mary Percival I have no intention of describing. But I had done so before I told her everything—long before she became my wife. Then the letter she received but faintly expressed my love for her. We have been married four years, and each year has found us more loving, more happy. Now, old friend, you shall tell me what you think."

I only quoted Hamlet's words—

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will."

VISIBLE SPEECH.—At the Society of Arts, a paper was lately read by Mr. Alexander Melville Bell, on

his new system of visible speech—the spelling, as it has been called—comprising a series of thirty letters or symbols, whereby every sound in every language can be so accurately indicated that a person who never heard a word of the language uttered can pronounce the most difficult words of it strictly like a native, on merely reading from Mr. Bell's new letters or symbols, which appear to bear the same sort of relationship to the positions of the mouth and tongue in the respective elementary sounds, which the picture of a laughing face may be supposed to do to the spoken word. "Laughter," Mr. Bell's sons gave clear proofs of the practicability of their father's invention, by pronouncing words set down by him in their absence, from the utterance of old Indian residents, Sautenas, and others present; but the conclusion of the whole exposition was marred by the refusal of Mr. Bell to exhibit the symbols on the black board. He wishes the council to appoint a committee to consider the subject, with the view of inducing the Government to take upon itself the practical realisation of his system, which he is willing to give up freely for national or universal utility, should they agree to a loan. Professor De Morgan, Sir D. Brewster, and Sir A. J. Ellis, the chairman of the occasion, have been initiated into the whole mystery, and are said to approve of the system.

VARIETIES.

Why is a man a K. O. B.?—Why kiss his be.

A German writer says a young girl is a fishing rod: the eyes are the hook, the smile the bait, the lover the gulch, and marriage the batter in which he is fried.

"I think," said a fellow the other day, "I should make a good member of Parliament, for I use their language. I received two bills a short time since, with requests for immediate payment; the one I ordered to be laid on the table—the other to be read that day six months."

The following estimate, founded on the last United States census, has been made of the probable amount which it costs the individual members of the different Churches in that country to sustain them:—A Baptist or Methodist, \$3.40; a Presbyterian, \$7; a Congregationalist, \$10; a Roman Catholic, \$14; an Episcopalian, \$18; a Reformed Dutch, \$22; a Unitarian, \$23.

PLAY AND DIS-PLAY.—A young man engaged in teaching mutes was explaining by signs the use of the particle "dis," and requested one of them to write on the blackboard a sentence showing her knowledge of the sense of the prefix. A bright little one immediately wrote on the blackboard,—"Boys love to play, and girls to dis-play."

PRACTICAL JOKE OF AN INDIAN.—Some of the Saginaw Indians are intense wags in their way. One of them having given a trader some annoyance, was told that in case he was seen again with a bottle he would be taken from him and thrown into the fire. A few days after the Indian appeared with a pin-flask in his blanket, as usual; but the trader was so good as his word, and demanded the bottle, which the Indian gave up, and started for the door. The trader threw the flask into the stove, upon which whistling went the stove, and out came the windows, the trader following close behind. The next time that man burns an Indian whiskey bottle he will examine it to see whether its contents are of "Dupont's make," or gunpowder.

A BRAVE SOLDIER.—When the brave Corporal Gaithness was asked after the battle of Waterloo, if he was not afraid, he replied, "Afraid! why, I was in the battles of the Peninsula!" And having it explained that the question merely related to a fear of losing the day, he said, "No, no; I didn't fear that I was only afraid we should be killed before we had time to win it."

MINUTE WORKMANSHIP OF THE STN.—Critics have long been at war as to the power of the hand to baffle the power of sight, by work almost infinitely minute. Optical work is exceedingly delicate, a thousandth part of an inch being quite a considerable space. Mr. Roskin asserted, and Mr. Kingley proved, that Turner's dots and lines were finer than the finest work done upon such lenses as those of Lord Rosset's telescope. By-and-by the sun may be able to distance even the artist's pencil in producing small pictures yet perfect work. A friend has sent from Melbourne a copy of the Colonial Land Act for 1885, done in the lithographic Department of the Land Office in that city, so minute as to be scarcely visible to the eye, the whole fifty-two pages, folio, being printed on a bit of paper about the size of a bank-note. The dainty production is the work of Mr. Moore.—*Bull*

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From Europe.

A Canadian steamship *Pavian*, with news to date, arrived off Father Point on the 5th inst. The House of Commons on the 24th, Mr. Cardwell the government was without official information of the alleged Fenian demonstration against the House of Commons, on the 15th, the bill giving the declaration of conformity to the liturgy of the Church of England by fellows of colleges passed by 208 against 133.

Relations of Austria and Italy had assumed a new aspect. Private telegrams to the Monitor assert that precise arrangements have been made between Austria and Prussia, the latter assenting to the Austrian proposal for a mutual armistice.

Gazette of Bavaria confirms this intelligence that all danger of war in Germany is removed, and the Paris Constitutionnel accepts the result as substantially correct.

Paris telegraph says the reports of a treaty of peace between Prussia and Italy are absolutely unfounded.

Rumour of the violation of Austrian territory by Italian volunteers, consequent engagement of Austria, has been proved false. The attitude of Austria continues peaceful.

Flotilla of the Fenians represent that the Austrian fleet is to be placed on a war footing by the 1st of May, and that an extraordinary concentration of troops is to take place in the province of Ravenna. It is asserted that the Emperor Napoleon had ordered the Italian cabinet that he will in no way Italy in case of an attack upon Austria.

Vienna cabinet is said to have addressed a note to the Prussian and other European courts, informing them that the Austrian armaments are not necessary by the proceedings of the Italian cabinet.

It is stated that Austria, relying upon the aid of the Prince of Russia, may use any measure of force against Russia unopposed.

Count von Bismarck continued in ill health. In reply to the address in favour of peace presented to the Berlin chamber of commerce, he said that, if possible, avoid war, but the government should not be guided by considerations of economy alone. If war became necessary, it would be the tried realisers of the chamber of commerce.

On April 27th.—No news of the City of London and Propontis, both of which are now probably overdue.

Steamship *China*, from Liverpool on the 23th inst., on the 29th April, arrived at Halifax.

Steamer *Propontis* arrived at Liverpool on the 24th, with the passengers of the steamship *City of London* on board. On the 2nd of April the *Washington* lost her propeller, and proceeded to Liverpool under canvas. On the 12th she lost her propeller, and proceeded to Liverpool under canvas.

Shortly afterwards, in lat. 40, long. 33, the *Washington* fell in with the City of Washington and the passengers. The City of Washington under sail with a temporary rudder, for want of assistance was to be sent to her. News of her arrival was received with great delight at Halifax.

House of Commons on the 26th, the debate on the Reform bill was continued. On the 27th, the debate took place. After many speeches, Mr. Gladstone rose on the side of the Opposition with a forcible speech, denouncing Mr. Gladstone's advocacy of American principles, which he held as unfitted for England. At one o'clock on the morning Mr. Gladstone made the usual warmly defending the American government, denouncing the Opposition tactics. At three in the morning, amidst much excitement, the vote took place, the number for the bill being 213—Government majority 5.

The papers generally regard the vote as a government victory only in name, but in reality a defeat. There are various speculations as to the course the ministers will adopt.—The last despatch says that it is settled the ministry will not resign.

The German news is conflicting. There is considerable uneasiness as to the relations between Austria and Italy, but the Italian government denies having any war to intention.

It is stated that an Austrian despatch delivered at Berlin on the 24th announced that Austria had not immediately begun to disarm on account of fresh complications having arisen with Italy.

The official North German Zeitung of the 24th says:—Increased armaments of Austria forbid the disarmament of the Prussian forces. Should Austria attack Italy, Prussia could not consent to see the Italian army disabled. Austria must reduce her establishment to a peace footing on the Italian as well as the Prussian frontier, or must otherwise expect an increase of Prussian armaments.

The latest intelligence says that no solution of the German difficulty is apparent. Mutual recrimination continues, Prussia and Italy throwing the onus on Austria, and vice versa.

It is reported that Austria informed the British and French ambassadors that if their governments will guarantee the neutrality of Italy, then Italy will disarm.

It is reported that a decree has been issued, placing the Italian army on a war footing.

Great military preparations were making in Venetia.

The Fenian Fizzle.

The Fenian fury in New York appears to be turned upon the leaders. O'Mahony has been arrested and tried. Was made to dig and buried, and it is now the intention to arrest and try Stephens on his arrival, which was anticipated on the 9th. He is accused of complicity in the acts for which O'Mahony was tried.

Captain Wm. H. Grace, who claims to be one of the oldest Fenians in New England, has published a communication in the Boston Post, detailing the recent abortive attempt to invade the eastern British provinces. He says that the expedition was approved by O'Mahony and commanded by Kilian, that the latter asserted that an iron war vessel loaded with arms was to meet them at Eastport, and a landing on British territory was to be made on the night of their arrival, and that after the expedition had started, O'Mahony countermanded the sailing of the vessel, and threw other obstacles in the way, which led to its failure. Captain Grace denounces O'Mahony, and urges all good Fenians to rally under the banner of Gen. Sweeney.

The Fenian Senators were present at the preliminary session held in New York on the 5th. A inquiry is to be made into Stephens's management of the Irish department, and he is said to be held morally responsible for the fleeing of the brotherhood in America.

It is stated that Captain Nichols, Chief of the Hamilton police, has discovered further ample testimony for the conviction of Murphy and his fellow conspirators.

A NEW RECIPROCITY TREATY.—La Mitraille, of Montreal, asserts that a new Reciprocity Treaty between British North America and the United States is agreed upon. Some concessions, but of small importance, have been made to the States. Two points are settled, namely, that both parties are authorized to increase their armaments on the Lakes, and that the United States bind themselves to respect by force, if need be, any Fenian attempt upon the British provinces.

The New York Times, in an article on "Canada—the fishery question," says:—The truth is, that for certain qualities of lumber, and also for barley and long wool, we must continue to a very large extent dependent upon Canada; and the extra cost of these articles in our markets, produced by customs' duties,

will fall upon our own people as consumers, not upon the Provincial Farmer or lumberman.

The Kingston News says that cutters are being shipped to the States, notwithstanding the imposition of the 2 1/2 per cent duty. The cutter *Bay of Quinte* brought 133 head from Belleville, which were immediately shipped across the lake.

U. S. DUTIES ON ANIMALS.—We did not think our friendly neighbours would long continue to allow Canadian cattle to be imported into the United States free of duty, and accordingly we find that the indefatigable and enlightening Mr. Morrill has succeeded in getting a Bill passed through the House of Representatives, authorizing a duty of 2 1/2 per cent, at a rate to be levied on all horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, and all other live animals imported from foreign countries. Mr. Morrill, in reporting the Bill from the Committee on Ways and Means, gave, as a reason for pressing its immediate passage, that he understood that Canadians were sending sheep over the border and having them shorn on this side, so as to evade the duty on wool. We are inclined to think that there has not often been a box of so important a nature imposed in such an ungodly hurry on such a very ridiculous pretence of urgent necessity. It would seem as if the representatives of the popular will in the neighbouring Republic were really actuated, as has often been stated, by sheer spite and malice against Canadians, and without the slightest regard as to what effect it might have upon their own people, or what interests might suffer from their unconsidered action. As far as Canada is concerned, we care not what they do. They have nearly done their worst, and what have they accomplished? They have succeeded in detaching from the ranks of well-wishers of the United States many a man who was previously an annexationist at heart. They have compelled us to draw closer together, and have united still more closely our connections with the Mother Country. They have forced us to seek new outlets for our produce, and to become purchasers directly in markets where hitherto they have always acted as our middlemen, and pocketed the profits of the lucrative agency. They have not succeeded in accomplishing what they intended to accomplish. They have tried to hedge themselves in with a lofty air, but the two sides of their own citizens have compelled the importation of whatever we call a bill of lumber, of wheat, of cattle, hogs, and many other things, and the tariff which they sought to wound us has been turned against themselves; and they, not we, have been the losers. We would earnestly advise Mr. Morrill to try his hand again, and this time to advise legislation which will altogether exclude from the United States all foreign productions whatsoever. Let the Great Republic be self-supporting altogether. Let the farmer raise the food for the manufacturer, and the manufacturer furnish the farmers. Let the nation follow the Japanese fashion, be the grand aim of all enlightening legislation, and as history is said to repeat itself, so let it be seen how very nearly the modern barbarism of the West is akin to the ancient barbarism of the East.—*T. A. B. Review.*

The probability of Confederation, as well as of the establishment of direct trade relations between the British North American Provinces and the West Indies, has already suggested the idea of forming a British American Steamship Company, connecting Montreal and Quebec with the chief ports of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

MOVING OF PARLIAMENT.—Parliament has been summoned for the despatch of business on the eighth of June.

Ottawa, May 8, 1866.—It is reported in well informed circles that parliament has been called chiefly with a view to pushing certain important measures rendered necessary by the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty. The session will probably last some four or five weeks and then will be adjourned until some time in the Fall, perhaps November, when it is expected that all obstacles to confederation will have been removed.

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MAPOC, SATURDAY, MAY 12.

The public entertainment to Mr. Hays at Moon's Hotel, on Wednesd. evening, previous to his departure for C. A. S., was, philosophically a success, as a mark of the high regard in which that gentleman is held by the people among whom he has passed the last ten years of his life. The dinner, if it was not up to M. Moon in something a little extra, was of his usual excellent style, and the attendance was numerous—the Village being well represented by its leading men, and although this is a busy season for the farmers, several from the more distant parts of the Township were present; and amongst the company we noticed some of the earliest settlers on the Hastings Road, and several gentlemen from the Township of Tudor. Among those who made their appearance on the occasion, were—

C. Turbull, E. D. O'Flynn, C. G. Wilson, C. F. Kilmorth, E. Nooney, T. S. Agner, A. Wright, J. Kilman, J. Richardson, A. Foster, J. B. Ross, J. Dahl, F. Finn, H. Elliot, F. and Sr. A. J. P. T. Cross, R. D. Lewis, J. Lloyd, E. Vaudrick, R. F. Gray, John Bull, — Gidding, R. Yankieck, W. C. Hill, P. Vandeek, G. Young, J. Bateman, — Gauder, Jas. Mitchell, Dr. Loomis, J. Loomis, E. Bentley, — Bentley Dr. T. and, &c.

The Chair was occupied by A. F. Wood, Esq., Warden of the County, who was most ably supported by T. S. Agar, Esq., Local Superintendent of Education, as Vice Chair-

When the zabatants were disposed of, the CHAIRMAN rose to commence the business of the evening. He stated that only three invitations had been issued, and of these, two gentlemen were present, the representatives of the *Mexico* and *Hastings Chronicle*. He had a note from Mr. Bowell, of the *Intelligence*, which he would read:—

"MY DEAR SMALLFIELD.—I had, until a few minutes past, intended being with you this evening but causes have arisen which, I regret to say renders it impossible."

"I regret this the more, because nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have honestly gone to the worst of our game as a public servant, and a private gentleman."

"Thanking that son may enjoy the even more entertaining and that the loss of any of our energetic citizens may seem a little more correctly to appreciate and value your 'Right Top.'"

"I am, Sir"

"A. BOWELL"

The loyal and patriotic toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," "The Governor General," "The Army and Navy, coupled with the Volunteers and Militia of Canada" (responded to by Captain Richardson of the Military School, and Captain Rowe, also a graduate of the Military School) having been drunk with the customary enthusiasm,

The CHAIRMAN then rose to propose the toast of the evening, and said it gave him great pleasure to see so many gentlemen present, and the peculiar circumstances that had called them together. He wondered that the exterior changes of the last ten years should find the Haslemere Road made and opened for settlement, and it was announced that an Agent appointed to enquire how many people expressed

the place that he very much admired. He was warmly met. Mr. Hayes walked in to his office, and he concluded that he did not look like a very dry old man, as some had been led to believe. There were no settlers then, on the road beyond Malaga; now there were settlers a hundred miles back with fir, cultivated white built schools in operation, and many other evidences of progress. He felt that the energy, intelligence and devotion exhibited by Mr. Hayes in the discharge of his duties had much to do with that satisfactory result. He felt also that a great change had taken place in the social position and relations of the village since Mr. Hayes came amongst them. He felt (Mr. H.) went heartily into any scheme for the benefit of the place, and the people were sure to find him at all times liberal, kind-hearted and energetic in all such matters. Hastings County owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Hayes, not only for his firm distaste to slavery, but all round us, North, South, East and West. This meeting was a tribute for services rendered. He felt a great restraint in speaking in Mr. Hayes's presence, because it looked like flattery; but he

could say, with all sincerity, that when the people learned that he was going to leave us, there was a deep feeling throughout the whole community. The people felt a universal sorrow and regret at his being so suddenly away; and Mr. Hayes was obliged to look upon us as more numerous, if employment elsewhere; and there was only one opinion as to the short visit. The general committee of the Government in London was valuable, a public officer to leave his position as a sacrifice for the work of a fair remembrance. The United States Government to know Mr. Hayes for the last time. There was a very formal ceremony, and our social gatherings, during and after his departure, and the matter was expedient to promote the well-being of the people, and he (the Chairman) said that in his opinion, we were losing an important factor in our social and social relations. The thing was not a great deal, and in character since it was a great deal, and although the land was not so good as the others had, and it was certain that many of the others had succeeded, and that there was one good land and large amounts of produce raised. Whatever any Aztec could have done to make the community of the people like said Mr. Hayes had been; and he felt sure in saying that there was an almost unanimous feeling of gratitude towards Mr. Hayes on the part of the settlers and of regret at his departure. As an instance of this, the Chairman read an extract from a letter from one of the oldest settlers, expressive of the greatest sorrow at Mr. Hayes's departure, because he did not think there

He would never get another man that would have the interest of the settlers at heart as Mr. Hayes had, and be able to protect and advise the needs of the Indians. He believed that the settlement would flourish seriously for want of his services for a few years longer in obtaining roads into good tracts of land. This part of the country would then be the fast, primary, the settlement at Eagle Lake." True writer of this letter, Mr. B. Nugent, was well known to most of us as one of the earliest settlers and a man of considerable worth, and the (the Worker) felt that Mr. Nugent's letter was only giving expression to the universal feeling of all. He felt it was his duty to be responsible to replace Mr. Hayes by the same type of man. For while, as Agent, he was constantly thrown into contact with men of every class and all gradations of the racial scale; all of whom he pleased and made friends of, he was also, by intellectual culture, and the habits and manners of the best society, in-

valuable in his social relations to the village and county. The Chairman then proposed "Our Guest," which was received with the liveliest demonstrations of applause, the whole company joining in the heartiest manner in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Hays replied as follows:—
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—Occasions like the present are at all times calculated to create and develop emotion in the coldest hearts, and it is peculiarly so in my case, for not only am I strongly affected, Sir, by your warm eulogium, and the cordial response which has been tendered to the toast, but the occasion itself is one of peculiar importance and significance to me. It is, in effect, the culminating point or some of the last ten years of my life.—Ten years enthusiastically devoted the public service, and for which the only reward I can hope to reap consists in the approval testified by this meeting. Then, Mr. Chairman, I cannot but feel emotions far too deep for any language at my command to express. I cannot but feel, at the time of separation, approaches, the strongest feelings of regret at breaking the ties which so long have bound us all together in unbroken harmony and friendship. (Applause.) There is also, Sir, inevitably a certain regret and reluctance at leaving a sphere in which I felt that I was doing some good to the Province at large, and to this section in particular. But you, Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen, feel that I was useful in my place, and your presence here to-night is the best possible proof, and I assure you that I accept it as a true and warm-hearted testimony of your approval—as a true tribute of friendship unaffected by any of the selfish motives which sometimes form a large share of political and other laudations of a similar character. (Heartily heard.) I rest assured, gentlemen, that I accept it in the same spirit, and that I shall ever cherish with lingering remembrance the memory of those years, and that whatever distance may separate us, I can never forget the kindly remembrance of North Hastings. (Applause.) And I would say to the Land service ten years ago, it was one I felt to be most fit for the work. I felt the greatest enthusiasm, and a sense which I then and now consider to be the great cause of our country—its advancement in settlement and population; and if I now leave that service, it is not from any failure in my enthusiasm in the cause of settlement, or from any dislike of the work, but simply and purely because under our narrow and restrictive Land policy I feel the position of an Agent to be anomalous, and the service does not afford the means of a respectable subsistence to its agents, nor does it hold out those prospects of future advancement and reward which would warrant a man in continuing to devote himself, without present remuneration, to a very arduous and responsible duty. It may be, Sir, that my abandoning of the service after ten years' faithful labour, and accompanied as it is by a very general expression of regret from the people of this country, may have a good effect. It may help to excite thought in rising our Legislators to the necessity for an earnest grappling with the Land question, and if so, though I may not reap many harvests of fruit from an enlightened policy, I shall have the satisfaction of having earnestly struggled for reform, and in your approval and praise I have secured the highest reward a man can ask in this world. For, after all, what are titles and worldly honours and fame, but the figures or external representations of approval by our fellow-men, and I have here to-night the real thing itself—(hear, hear, and cheer.) I would like, Sir, on this, which will probably be the last opportunity I shall enjoy of addressing an audience in North Hastings, to give you some information about the settlements to the North of us, and to recall some of the more prominent features in the history of the past ten years in connection therewith.

[This very interesting portion of Mr. Hays' Address we were obliged to defer till next week. The conclusion was as follows:—]

These figures, Sir, show a steady rate of progress, and even now, though the population has not increased during the last three years, the people on the upper part of the road are doing well. They raise good crops and have large numbers of live stock. Should the land-masters of Tuford and Lake be worked as profitably as is expected, and a liberal land policy be adopted including the permanent settlement of the timber question, I have no fear for the future of our back country. I believe, with Mr. Shanley and other big gamekeepers, who have given evidence on the subject, that the Country between the Ouse and Lake, the Humber, and South of Lake Niggings is fully equal, if not much superior, in an Agricultural point of view to the New England, and that it is capable of sustaining and supporting a much larger population.

For ever, oh, for ever,
The lovely face I see;
I hear thy ringing laugh again,
And voice of melody,
Though thou art far away, love,
A dream comes back to me;
For ever, oh, for ever,
Of happy days, and these—

Of days when we two were dead
Among the laughing flowers,
And through the fragrant meadows went;
Oh, days in happy hours,
We heard the melody of the lute
Hil in those walls is far,
And many a day of the sun in hours
Came through the singing air.

Oh down the garden path we went
In days long since gone by,
And watch'd upon the golden fields
The lark, that sang so true;
While I and my sweet melody
Of soft and sweet melody,
And rich emotion alone,
Gleamed through the air, the sweet wreaths
Of flowering gladioli.

Alas! we two again no more
Those golden days are o'er,
For here among the silent flowers
The bird's sweet melody,
All is past and faded,
Yet memory brings to me
For ever, oh, for ever,
Those happy days and these:

BREAKING A JAM.

For people have any idea of the dangers and difficulties that attend the trade by which Great Britain is supplied with the timber used in her various requirements. They observe large timber ships discharging on their quays, and suppose, perhaps, that it is the result of a trade no more hazardous to life than that of any other product of the globe which they see completely drawn within Britain's mighty commercial vortex. Very different, however, is the fact: in the production and handling of timber in all its stages, from the felling of the tree to its transport across the ocean, more lives are lost through accident, more collisions and contempt of danger called for than perhaps in any other pursuit. The following incidents in my own experience will give an idea of the great danger attending one branch of the timber trade, that of driving or floating the timber down the river—on the ice of which it was deposited in the winter to the port whence it is shipped to England.

I was born in Canada, and from the age of eighteen have passed my life principally in the gloomy recesses of her woods, far from the abodes of civilization, following the arduous and often ruinous pursuit of a lumberman, as we who get out the timber are called, and amongst a class of men hardy and daring as the world can show, had become noted on our river, from a chance escape of mine one spring in "driving."

We were well down the river, and had united our gang with several others whom we had overtaken; there were perhaps one hundred and fifty men altogether. We were running through a rapid, free from rocks, but still, from the enormous body of water pouring through a narrow passage, sufficiently wild to daunt the bravest amongst us, and prevent the men practicing a favourite feat, and one in which lives are frequently lost—running the rapids on a stick of timber. I was working at the head of the rapid, shoving the timber from the banks, when I suddenly became aware that the stick I was on—about eighty feet long—was bound for the rapid, and that I could not avoid being an unwilling passenger. At first, I thought there was no great danger, my only fear being that either end of the long spar might strike the shore, in which case I should certainly be swept off, and most probably crushed by some other stick. However, we ran the rapid in splendid style, the spar keeping perfectly straight, and not rolling in the least; in fact, it was as steady as though it was on shore. The water was running very high, and as I darted past the men who lined the banks, I saw by their alarmed faces that they thought I was in great danger; and now came the pinch; for as we came near the tail of the rapid—boiling and seething like a Macdonald—I saw that a collision with another stick of timber, which was being whirled round in an eddy, was unavoidable. I had a handspike in my hand, and

thinking I might be able to get on the other stick, I ran towards the end of the spar. I had got within ten feet of the end, when the two sticks—going in contrary directions—struck, fortunately for me, exactly in the same line. I left my spar, of course, in a hurry, and describing a curve, alighted, after an aerial flight of some twenty feet, fair on the other stick. The handspike, crasped in both hands, and held in front across the body, saved me from falling. To spring up, run to the end of the stick, and swim a hove, was the work of a few moments. The men cheered, for they thought it was through my own agility that my life was saved; whereas I was not a free agent in the matter, and had the sticks not met and on, should most probably have been drowned or smashed.

This feat established my reputation for courage; and the following adventure, almost unparalleled, I imagine, in the history of man's escape from apparently certain death, placed me at the head of our river, and I believe that the ignorant French Canadians who witnessed it think I bear a earned life.

It was in the spring of '61. Embarking all my capital in lumbering, I had, during the winter, placed a very considerable amount of square timber on the ice wash going, at the mouth of the Malawaka, a large tributary of the river Ottawa; all my energies were strained to the utmost to get it down to market, to my future depend on the result. I had a gang of thirty good men, but unfortunately, as it turned out, I placed myself in all situations of danger; this, indeed, is always looked for from the "boss of the drive," but I ought to have engaged another man in that capacity. All went well for a time, and could I pass a dangerous and dread rapid without a jam—an accumulation of timber, consequent on perhaps one stick jamming up the passage is called—I felt secure of a profitable return for my winter work.

It is usual, before running timber through a rapid to throw a boom across the river, at a short distance above, to confine the timber, which being allowed to pass down in small quantities, and entirely stopped if necessary, cannot, under proper management, jam to any extent; but such was the rapidity of the river at this point, that we were obliged to have our boom some three miles above the rapid, and the quantity of timber in that three miles was quite sufficient to cause a very large jam, should any hitch occur. I was well aware of the danger, and had my boat stationed at the rapid, to guide the timber into the channel, and was there myself most of the time. We had run a large number through a successfully, and I was congratulating myself that all would go well, when, towards evening a rush of timber came down: one large piece struck first on shore, slowed round, and caught the other. In a moment, a jam was formed. Now, could we have stopped the timber from coming down, we could have easily broken the jam, but the timber came down so fast upon us that our efforts were useless, and for that evening we gave up, and returning to camp, which was up at the boom, awaited the daylight with a similar feeling of coming danger that I should think hangs over an army the night previous to a battle. It was, we knew, almost a certainty that some of our small number would not live to see that jam broken. In the morning, we started for the rapid; I and another man went in a boat, the rest by land. About a mile above the large rapid was another one, at the head of which we were in the habit of leaving the boat for the only attempt hitherto made to run it resulted in the death of the adventurers, two Yankees; but this morning I saw with dismay that a boat might live through it; the cause I well knew, it was caused by the jam damming back the water, and it enabled us to form an estimate of the pile of timber that must have accumulated during the night. Although there was nothing to be gained by running the last three in all probability could not be done again; so, receiving an assurance from the man with me that he would risk his life on the issue, I put the boat in the channel. We passed in safety, though we had several narrow escapes, and soon arrived at the jam.

(To be concluded next week.)

A WIFE IN TROUBLE.—Tell me, my dear, the cause of those tears?

"Oh! such disgrace. I have opened one of your letters, supposing it to be addressed to myself. Certainly it looked more like Mrs. than Mr."

"Is that all? What harm can there be in a wife's opening her husband's letters?"

"But the contents—such a disgrace."

"What! has any one dared to write me a letter unfit for my wife to read?"

"Oh, no, it is conched in the most chaste language. But the disgrace!"

The husband eagerly caught up the letter, and commenced reading the epistle that had nearly been the means of breaking his wife's heart. Reader, you couldn't guess the cause in a soon's age. It was no other than a bill from the Printer for two years' subscription!

The most sensible woman in all creation! She ought to be admitted a member of the craft.

VARIETIES.

When does a cow become landed property?—When turned into a file.

Sharpwits wants to know whether an alcocking lobster uses a bill to pick when he "outs his stick."

Question for Logicians.—Can a man keep his foot dry when he has a crack in his boots?

In the United States there are 171 places called Washington.

"Your purse, Tom," said an indulgent father to his spendthrift son, "reminds me of a thunder don't!"—"How so, father?"—"Because it is always lightning."

"Vegetable pills!" exclaimed an old lady; "don't talk to me of such stuff. The best vegetable pill ever made is an apple dumpling; for destroying a lawing in the stomach there's nothing like it. It can always be relied on."

A man with eleven daughters was lately complaining that he found it hard to live. "You must husband your time," said another, "and then you will be well enough."—"I could do much better," was the reply, "if I could husband my daughters."

A gentleman sitting in a box at the opera in company with the late Lord North, not knowing his lordship, entered into conversation with him, and seeing two ladies come into an opposite box, turned to him, and addressed him with—"Pray, sir, can you inform me who is that ugly woman that has just come in?"—"Oh," replied his lordship, with great good humour, "that is my wife."—"Sir, I ask you ten thousand pardons!" said the gentleman. "I do not mean her—I mean that shocking monster who is along with her."—"That," replied his lordship, "is my daughter."

If conversation be an art, like painting, sculpture, and literature, it owes its most powerful charm to Nature; and the least shade of formality or artifice destroys the effect of the best collection of words.

A G along paper says that ten couple of rabbits were introduced in the colony in 1859, and already 50,000 have been killed. The hares that have been introduced are also rapidly multiplying.

Sixty-four English miles of new and commodious thoroughfares, twelve new bridges, all free of toll, nine large churches, immense extensions of hospitals, gas mains more than doubled, water supply increased more than fivefold, fifty thousand trees transplanted for the purpose of decoration and shade—these are some of the works actually executed for the accommodation of the Parisian public within the last few years.

A REK TRANSLATION.—A sporting Somersetshire farmer, who had been welcomed one morning at the mansion stalked up to the fireplace, over which he observed the well known motto, "Pro aris et focis" (for our altars and our hearths). "Ah, squirrel!" exclaimed he, "I see you are all for the hares and foxes up there too."

NELSON AND PIIT.—Nelson was told that Pitt said "I was the greatest fool he ever knew when he was on shore."—"He speaks the truth," said the hero, "and I would soon prove him to be a fool if I had him on board a ship; nevertheless I am as clever an admiral as he is a statesman, which is saying a great deal for myself."

YANKEE SPEED.—An Englishman boasting of the superiority of the horse in his country, mentioned that the celebrated Eclipse had run a mile in a minute. "My good fellow," exclaimed an American present, "that is less than the average rate of our common roadsters. I live in my country, seat near Paul de Luna, and when I ride in a hurry to town of a morning, my own shadow can't keep up with me, but generally comes into the warehouse to find me from a minute to a minute and a half after my arrival. One morning I was rather restless, and I rode him as hard as I could several times round a large factory, just to take the old Harry out of him. Well, sir, he went so fast that the whole time I saw my back directly before, and was twice in danger of riding over myself."

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From Europe.

By the steamship City of Paris, arrived at New York, European intelligence to the 3rd instant has been received.

Contrary to general expectation the British ministry refused to regard the close vote on the Reform bill as equivalent to a defeat. Mr. Gladstone announced that the Franchise bill would be pressed on, but a bill for the redistribution of seats would be introduced on the 7th, so that both might be considered together. In reply to an inquiry if the government would stand by the bill, he said—As long as the bill stands we stand; if it falls we fall.

The liberal papers rejoice that an issue is now plain and that the liberal members must now face a pure and simple question, without the protection of an evasive amendment.

The Jamaica commissioners had arrived home. There is nothing official as to their report, but the Times anticipates it will justify martial law, but censure subsequent proceedings.

A police constable had been shot in Dublin by a Fenian.

The German question continues warlike, but the relations of Austria and Italy are decidedly menacing. Both governments deny aggressive designs, but both are represented as preparing vigorously for war.

The Italian parliament had promptly voted authority to the government to raise means for the defence of the country.

A popular meeting took place in Naples in favour of the government armaments, and unusual enthusiasm was represented to exist throughout Italy in view of probable war.

It is asserted that the Italian government has called out 150,000 men.

The Austrian garrison at Venetia was computed at 60,000 men.

The London Times says.—There can be no doubt that the Italian government desires war as the only means of extrication from its exceedingly false and difficult situation.

The Austro-Prussian relations show no improvement. The Berlin despatches talk of probable increased armaments by Prussia.

There was a severe panic on 'change in London and Paris; funds and securities are all materially depressed.

The Bank of England has advanced its rate of interest to 7 per cent.

Napoleon presided at a special council of ministers on the 30th ult.,—report says to consider the proposition that Austria and Italy should simultaneously disarm. One rumour says it was determined at the meeting to prevent Italy taking the aggressive, and insist on her accepting the Austrian proposition.

The Italian fleet had left Genoa, destination unknown. It is stated that the Austrian iron-clads have received orders to put to sea. Their destination is believed to be the German ocean and the Baltic.

The Vienna Gazette publishes a notice that an increased number of army surgeons is required.

A Florence telegram says that a proclamation was issued by the Minister of War, calling under arms the soldiers on unlimited furloughs.

The Canadian steamer Moravian, from Liverpool on the 3rd, via Londonderry on the 4th, passed Father Point on the 14th, on her way to Quebec.

In the House of Commons on the 2nd, the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister, was rejected by nineteen majority.

The steamer Helvetia, from Liverpool on the 2nd for New York, has put back with the cholera on board. Two deaths occurred before she reached Queenstown from Liverpool. The National steamship line have decided to stop German emigration through their vessels. The government has ordered a full examination of all German emigrants before their admission to England. The cholera made its first appearance among the German emigrants while they were in Liverpool.

Mr. Gladstone's budget reveals the duty on timber

and paper, and proposes an arrangement for the reduction of the national debt.

AUSTRIA, PRUSSIA, AND ITALY.—The German Italian question remains unchanged.

Italy has telegraphed to the French government that an engagement has been entered into not to attack Austria.

Intelligence from Vienna, Berlin and Florence continues menacing. Armaments were vigorously pushed forward in Austria, and goods trains had been suspended on the Trieste railroad in order to quicken military transportation. At Berlin it was expected that a further augmentation of the Prussian army would be made, and rumors had been current, but proved false, that Prussian troops had actually entered Saxony.

A Florence telegram to the Paris Temps states positively that Gen. La Marmora was about to assume command of the army, and be succeeded in the ministry by Baron Ricasoli.

Rumours were again current in Paris that England and France would offer to mediate between Austria and Prussia, but were not generally credited.

The Prussian note of April 28th, in reply to the Austrian despatch of the 26th, expresses surprise that Austria should have withdrawn her forces from Bohemia only to continue armaments, &c., and that the Imperial government has not called on the middle States to disarm. Prussia, says the despatch, is still ready to reduce her army to a peace footing if Austria will fully carry into effect her consent to take similar measures.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times says Italy began to arm a month ago, at the time when the two German powers were in the height of their dispute. Austria was about to disarm when the pride of the Emperor was aroused by the preparations which Italy had commenced with the view of striking a blow in case of war between Austria and Prussia. Austria then began to arm instead of disarming, and Italy returned menace for menace.

The Fenian Fizzle.

James Stephens, the Fenian "Chief Organizer," arrived at New York on the 10th inst., and was welcomed by a committee of the F.B., and by thousands of Irishmen who had been anxiously looking for him. In familiar conversation with the reporters for the press, who were at once in attendance upon so great a man, as soon as he had taken up his quarters at the Metropolitan Hotel, Mr. Stephens undescended to give a few hints concerning the objects of his mission, and confidently asserted that the Irish army would fight on its own soil ere the expiration of the present year. It is given out that he has come to America simply at the request of the Fenian leaders, to repair the breach that has been made in the ranks in the United States by the quarrels of O'Mahony and Roberts; that it never occurred to him to leave Ireland to secure his own personal safety, which was well cared for by his friends in Dublin, where the Fenian police is so much better than those of the authorities there, that he regards his information concerning the movements of the British government as much more nearly correct than anything they can learn of the Fenian movement, and that he will return to Ireland as soon as he can succeed in uniting the brotherhood in the States.—Stephens has not said much in public yet, but has promised a long speech at a great demonstration to be held in Jones' Wood.

O'Mahony has resigned his position as Head Centre of the Fenian Brotherhood and agent of the Irish Republic; and Stephens has accepted the resignation, because O'Mahony, in sanctioning the attempt to capture Campobello island, "not only gave proof of weakness, but committed a crime less excusable"

in him than in any other man, as the project, how ever successful, would have resulted in their ruin.

Kilian has been removed from the post of treasurer. It is not known what amount still remains in the Fenian treasury, but a prominent Fenian has stated that the whole sum now reserved to aid the cause of Irish liberty, is less than five hundred dollars! The funds, at any rate, must be inconveniently low for the great task, as Stephens has issued an order calling on all circles in the United States to subscribe towards the movement in Ireland, and to send all moneys to him at his headquarters at the hotel.

Kilian has issued a long explanation about his Campobello enterprise, which he asserts is merely balked in one of several aims sought to be accomplished; and he says he sees signs enough to convince him that the balking in this particular is merely temporary and may be overcome. His hope is to bring about complications that will provoke a war between the United States and Great Britain.

Stephens is trying to win the Roberts-Sweeney faction over to his view, but the task, it is thought will not be an easy one. The Senate is not recognized by the Chief Organizer—and the Roberts party believe that the day has passed when any insurrection in the fatherland would be successful, and that resistance to "British tyranny" there, would be followed by the reckless slaughter of the people. In addition to this, Sweeney's war movement is now in process of development, and the Senate cannot abandon him. An interview had, however, taken place between Stephens and Roberts, and it is reported that the former declared his readiness to co-operate with Gen. Sweeney, if by so doing the union of the brotherhood could be accomplished.

The bonds of the Republic of Ireland by the 'Constitutional' brotherhood under Roberts and Sweeney, have been exhibited to the senate. Each man took \$5,000, exclusive of their immense personal subscriptions at the last session. Nothing, says the Herald, but the rush of a near culmination could impress these rulers with this extraordinary spirit at this moment.

EASTPORT, May 12.—A party of ladies and gentlemen, in a pleasure-boat from Robinson last night, were fired into by an English steamer lying off St Andrews. The ball struck near the boat and ricocheted, mounded up the ground in front of a house in Eastport. The ball was sent here to Admiral Bogg's day.

A despatch from Eastport, Maine, dated the 11th, says:—

"Acting Admiral Bogg has just left here in the steamer De Soto, to demand an explanation from the commander of the English steamer at St. Andrew's in regard to firing into the pleasure boat off Robinson's wharf, of Americans on board."

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—The several corps of volunteers in the province will assemble at noon on Thursday, the 24th inst., and fire a *feu de joie* in the usual manner, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, at the garrisons of Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London. The volunteers will act in conjunction with her Majesty's troops, in case the officers when commanding the garrisons at those stations should desire such co-operation.

It is reported at Portsmouth and Devonport that, in the event of a flotilla of gunboats being stationed in the Canadian Lakes, the command will be in the hands of Capt. Burgoyne, V.C.

It is stated that Viscount Monck will be shortly to visit the English Peerage.

The Navy and the Minister, unarmoured gunboats of horse power, are ordered to be completed at Portsmouth as speedily as possible, for service in North American waters. Two other gunboats of the same class are expected to be commissioned also, for the same destination.

Le Canadienne has left Quebec on her usual summer trip, to protect the Gulf Fisheries. Captain Fortin in command.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

The following is the Time Table of the passenger trains on the Grand Trunk Railway at the Belleville Station:

Day Express going East, 11:25 A.M.
Night Express going East, 12:15 A.M.
Mixed Train going East, 10:57 P.M.
Day Express going West, 7:15 P.M.
Night Express going West, 7:15 A.M.
Mixed Train going West, 11:20 A.M.

Montreal Time.



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MADOC, SATURDAY, MAY 19.

Another Dinner to Mr. Hayes.

The settlers along the line of the Hastings Road, and adjacent parts of the Township of Tudor—not content with the manifestation of their regard for the retiring Agent exhibited by the attendance of many of them at the public dinner in Madoc last week—determined to give a further expression of their grateful sense of the pleasant relations which have subsisted between themselves and him for so many years past, by offering him the compliment of a dinner on their own account and on their own ground. As the period during which he will remain is fast drawing to a close, but short notice could be given, nevertheless they mustered in good force from considerable distances, at Golding's Hotel, Mill-bridge ("the Jordan") on Thursday evening, the 17th inst. Including a numerous party of Mr. Hayes' friends from Madoc, about fifty sat down to a very substantial and excellent repast, which proved, notwithstanding the "hardness" of the country in which they lived, and of the times and difficulties through which they have passed, that the settlers know how to, and can procure the wherewithal to enjoy themselves upon fitting occasion. The Chair was occupied by John Lloyd, Esq., J. P., and the Vice-Chair by W. Harper, Esq., Township Clerk. Among the company assembled were T. C. Wallbridge, Esq., M. P. P. for North Hastings, Major Norman, W. H. Carpenter, Esq., Reeve, and A. Jolly, Esq., ex-Reeve, and Messrs. J. Bull, F. Lloyd, I. P. Potter, R. Holland, B. McKilligan, R. Vankleeck, C. Antheson, Elgood, Gunter, Bigelow, Eldridge, O'Neill, Kemp, Campbell, J. Antheson, Nicholl, — Graham, and other old and well known residents of Tudor. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. McKilligan spoke in the highest terms of Mr.

Hayes, and the sentiments they expressed were most cordially endorsed, but the late period of the week at which the dinner took place prevents our giving even an outline of their remarks or of the speeches of Mr. Wallbridge and of the Guest of the evening. The proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs, capably sung by Messrs. Hall, Pidden, Murphy, R. Scott, Dr. Elmer, and Major Norman; and altogether the evening was passed in the pleasantest manner, there being no lack of social accomplishments and geniality on the part of the "backwoodsmen" of Tudor. They were fully determined to have a good time generally, and having brought the business of eating and speaking to a satisfactory conclusion, adjourned to Mr. Bull's store, to join the ladies, when dancing was kept up with great spirit and thorough enjoyment for several hours afterwards.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Two gentlemen connected with the staff of the Provincial Geological Survey department arrived in Madoc on Saturday last, and have during the past week been busily engaged in prosecuting an examination of the special characteristics of the geological formation of this Township. We have not yet enjoyed the opportunity of an interview, but we understand that they are desirous of being made acquainted with the localities of any deposits of mineral, &c., &c., which owners of property may have reason to believe are to be found on their farms; and are ready to report on the nature of any specimens which may be forwarded to them.

BUTTER INSPECTION.—The merchants of Madoc have agreed to have in future a regular inspection of all butter offered for sale, and have appointed Mr. Innes as Inspector. Three grades of quality will be established—and the prices ruling at present are: 1st, one shilling; 2nd, ten-pence half-penny; and 3rd, nine-pence. The regulation is a very good one and will have a tendency to bring about an improvement in the quality of all butter brought to market.

THE WEATHER.—Saturday last was a very warm day, and was followed on Sunday by a copious fall of rain. The next morning there was a sharp frost, and the temperature has since continued quite cool. The growth of vegetation is by no means rapid, but rather backward for this season of the year.

"That Tempest."

The Mercury of Madoc, has honored us with a notice which we regret to find—since both disingenuous and hypercritical. It is not our intention to follow our contemporary through his parenthetical sentences, but shall simply confine our remarks to one or two points in the notice appended to our article of last week. In the first place, the "epigrammatic verdict of one of the soundest Conservatives of the North Riding," is appreciable just in proportion to the honesty and ability to judge of the person who rendered it. Had the Mercury given us the name of the person who should have been enabled to judge, there being many who do all they can to destroy the unity and, consequently, power of the party. Whether such an one be who rendered the opinion, we are left in doubt.

If the Mercury will turn to the proceedings of the County Council, reported in the Intelligencer of February 16th, 1886, he will find the resolution to which we allude. No one is supposed that that body was or is infallible, nor do we know what the appointment of County Valuers has to do with the resolution in favour of a charter for a railway, unless it is introduced to draw the attention of the reader from the real point at issue, which has unfortunately been the case in the Railway controversy by those who have no good reason to offer for obstructing the scheme. The introduction of irrelevant matter may lead to mystery, but the people are sufficiently intelligent to discover the thin covering that covers the whole who attempt to create capital out of proper and legitimate sources.

The Mercury closes his remarks with the following sentence and would be willy-nilly:

"In conclusion, we ask our witty big brother if he is sharp enough to guess what we meant when we say, with respect to his article, that 'the voice of the people is the voice of the Lord'?"

We cordially admit that we are not sharp enough to guess what he means for the following reason: We never lived among the guessers, and consequently have not that valuable talent, and as we never sell our editorial columns to others to

put themselves at the expense of their neighbours, either legally or otherwise, but always express our own and our opinions, we are totally at a loss to understand the drift of the Mercury's insinuations. Perhaps he will enlighten us.

The Intelligencer takes very good care not to let readers judge for themselves whether the notice which we "honoured" it, is, or is not, "both disingenuous and hypercritical," but "burkes" it, by a preceding article, in which we showed the exception practised to prevent a reporter being present when the "legitimate and proper act" was passed by the Township Council; although it could find space for nearly a column when it wanted to ridicule the first remarks on the subject. We, however, have the slightest objection to our readers having the benefit of the Intelligencer's comments in full, that they may take a lesson in the art of dodging questions which may not be found convenient to answer.

One of our queries the Intelligencer has condescended to reply to. Accordingly we have looked into the report of the County Council proceedings, Feb. 16; and what do we find? That the "somewhat similar resolution" referred to was "not" the Railway from Belleville to Marmora "out of the village of Tweed, BRIDGEWATER, and Madoc," (as per the resolution passed by the Madoc Council in compliance with Mr. Flint's request), but to this effect: "Authority for a grant of land in aid of building a railway from Marmora via the Valley of the M^oi a,"—which is the phraseology employed by Mr. Flint in his application for a charter, but happens to be that of Mr. Wallbridge's intent. As everybody knows that the special object of the Township Council's resolution is, that Mr. Flint shall make use of it to take off the scheme of the Member for North Hastings it strikes us, under the circumstances, that the phrase "somewhat similar resolution," is just little bit "disingenuous" on the part of the Intelligencer.

Our contemporary having defended the Township Council's resolution on the ground that the County Council had passed a "somewhat similar one"—implying thereby that the County Council could make no mistakes—we asked, substantially, if that Corporation had not done wrong in appointing two of its own members County Valuers, in violation, as we believe, of LAW. If we are mistaken, why don't the Intelligencer set us right, instead of "trying to draw the attention of the reader from the real point at issue," by the "introduction of irrelevant matter about an 'attempt to create capital.' For what or for what purpose, on our part, we should like to know. When the Intelligencer answers our repeated inquiry on the above point, it will be time enough for us to enlighten it on the remark it is "totally at a loss to understand."

With us, the real point at issue is not the success or defeat of this or that particular railroad scheme, but to express our decided objection to "wire-pulling and trickery in legislation, of which we saw too many of the evils during a rather lengthened residence in the "land of the guessers;" and we shall continue to protest against it, as we see occasion, regardless of any covert attacks upon the soundness of our conservatism, or attempts like the above to put us out of the pale of communion with the "party." The constituted leaders of the party will have to take care what they are about, and do what is right, or they will find that they are in danger of losing some of their influence.

RAILWAY PETITION.—We noticed in the Ramoth-born Post Office copies of a petition in course of signature for a railway by the "Valley of the M^oi a" from Tweed, thence to Bridgewater, &c. One copy signed by "Inhabitants of Tudor," but some of the "inhabitants of that Township, we found, were ignorant that such a petition was in circulation. For "information received" we are led to believe the copies of the same petition are somewhere about the village for signature, but where, is "not generally known." What need is there for any secrecy about the matter, if the use to be made of the petition is proper and legitimate one?

FOUND DEAD.—An inquest was held by Dr. S. Pomeroy, Coroner, at Skoco, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. on the body of S. E. Rodgers. The deceased was about thirty years of age, was at Archibald's tavern on the night of the 6th of April. He came there on horseback from his own home, at

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MOORLAND MARY.

With jessie's eyes, and daisy's hair,
With cheeks as red, and round as berries,
With teeth as white and dimpled chin;
A bonny girl and pure within;
A small stream had so lately fled,
And ready basket at her side,
Gave full with berries, red and blue,
And leather bands of many a hue;
And steps as light as any fairy—
I met the little Moorland Mary.

If you, sweet girl, will go with me,
My little sewing-maid to be;
And those soft as you sweetly sing,
Repeat them to my darling young;
And leave the hills as bright and wild,
To watch and tend my darling child,
To cherish her I fondly love;
And tender, true, and faithful prove,
And for her infant steps be wary,
Till treasure you, sweet Moorland Mary,
O lady! listen to my tale,
And let my simple words prevail—
My mother's old, she's old and poor,
And scarce can totter to the door;
And she loves her, only joy—
She has no other girl or boy;
Ah! while she lives, with her I'll stay,
But think of you when far away;
She says the grave will rest the weary,
And then I'll be your Moorland Mary.

BREAKING A JAM.

(Continued.)

What a scene it was, and how hopeless it seemed, that men could do anything amidst such a mighty reef of water! I had seen a jam on which three hundred men had worked for three years before breaking it; but this looked worse: the snow-tended river, hemmed in between precipices thirty feet high, and still further obstructed by the huge mass of timber piled up level with the banks, was boiling with impetuous rage. The timber itself was matted and interlocked in every conceivable manner; some pieces reared right on end, and the whole forming a mass fully thirty feet above the ordinary level of the water, but which was now pouring over it. To make the matter worse, I found that only about ten men had swived; the rest, having lost their way, did not make their appearance until evening. After a careful examination, I found that the mischief was caused by one stick lying across the channel, and I thought if that could be cut, the jam would break; but this was an operation of such extreme danger, that all the men hung back, and refused to attempt it. The only portion of the stick visible was in the centre of the stream, the water, though pouring in masses over the sides of the jam, did not envelop the middle. My idea was to fasten a rope to the stick, and then cut it nearly through; then, by means of the rope, all hands could break it, and all might be well. At length one of the men agreed to go down with me; but after working a short time, he became frightened, and went on shore. All at once, the stick broke, and the jam began slowly to move. My first feeling was that of joy, for I remember thinking that I had made one thousand pounds; but that operation; and even after I had attained the summit of the jam, and the timber was beginning to break up, I did not apprehend any great danger. I had noticed one place above the rapid where the water eddied into shore, and I felt sure that by jumping in there, I should be able to catch some overhanging branches, and be all right; but when I reached the spot, it was changed, and the water on both sides was running like a mill-race. I still ran on, now thoroughly alarmed, jumping from stick to stick, hoping to find some chance to get ashore. But I soon saw that though I was going very fast up the timber, I was also going fast into the rapid. I immediately turned, and ran down, hoping that perhaps the timber might go through without breaking up; but before me, as I opened the rapid, I saw a sight that at once took away from me all hope of going through alive. The banks, as I have said before, were about thirty feet high, and in the stream were here and there huge rocks, which broke the straight line of the channel; the whole ravine, as I now gazed, elevated above, and about to make the fatal plunge into it, was one tumultuous heaving mass of timber; hardly any water could be seen; but the huge sticks were thrown in all directions, many of them turning and over and over. I knew that no man could go through and live.

Hoping that at least I should be killed at once, I got down on a stick, and I distinctly remember seeing one of the men who had run down the rapid as soon as the jam broke, and managed to clamber down the rocks, making motions to me to seize his pole. I shouted to him: "I is no use," for I knew that I

should have pulled him in. An instant afterwards, I was struck in the back with a stick of timber, and this, which was the danger I most dreaded, proved the means of saving my life. I was thrown forward, and where I fell, the timber opened a little, and I slipped through. This was an extraordinary escape; for perhaps—no, I might say I have done so, and it is to this I owe my life. From boyhood, I had been accustomed to diving, and it at once occurred to me, that though I must be killed on the surface, I might perhaps live through, if I could keep below the timber; and I found I had just hit the channel, which formed a sort of canal perhaps six feet deeper than the main floor of the rapid. The timber not being able to fill this up, the water was rushing along in an unbroken mass; but I question whether I should have been able to keep down, if I had not fallen in with a small stick of red pine, which, from its weight, had sunk below the main body of the timber. In grasped this, placing my arm round it, but even in the fearful position I was in, I was cool enough to remember, that probably as we passed along my arm would be broken by contact with the rocks, so I changed the arm, merely putting my elbow on it. How anxiously I looked for light overhead! The noise was deafening, but all was dark. I have since calculated, by watching timber going through, that I was about one and a quarter minute under water, but to me it seemed never-ending. I had at last made up my mind that though it was certain death, up I must go, when I saw daylight overhead, and knew that we were through. I let go my stick, and struck out for the surface. I don't know how, in my disabled state, I managed to do it, but I soon found myself lying on a stick of timber, and whirling round in an eddy at the foot of the rapid. My situation was still full of danger, for I now found I could not move; I felt paralysed with the blow I had received when knocked into the water; I was also fearfully bruised by scraping against the rocks under water. The same man who had offered me his pole as I went into the rapid, and, indeed, the only one who saw me, got down to help me—here nobly came to my assistance, and at the imminent risk of his life, succeeded in gaining the stick I was on. He said: "I need not ask you if you are hurt, for you would not lie there if you were not; can I help you?" I said: "No; but if I fall off, you must jump in on the other side of the stick, and hold me up." I told him he would likely be hurt, but he said he would stay by me until the men came up. We went spinning round for some time, for the men, when they did come, seemed afraid; but at length they succeeded in catching hold of the stick I was on, and I was saved.

For three days, I lay on the bank, unable to be moved; but thanks to a constitution that seems to defy bodily injury, I am now all right, except that my knee-cap was broken under water, and still pains me now and then; and this winter again sees me in the woods, again to drive timber, I hope with a better result, through the same rapid.

"SAVING HIS BACON."—A Bucky Escape.—At the period when Murat was about to invade Sicily, the Chevalier R—, paymaster-general of the Neapolitan forces, was travelling through Calabria, for the purpose of joining the army, having been to Naples to make arrangements for the transmission of a quantity of specie. He had sent on his servant before him to prepare his quarters at the town of —, expecting to arrive there himself at nightfall; but, the day being very sultry, he had loitered on the road, and at nine o'clock in the evening found he was still a considerable distance from the proposed end of his journey. He was so much harassed and fatigued that he determined to put up for the night at the first convenient house. He at length entered an old romantic building on the roadside, inhabited by a man and his wife, the former a stout muscular figure, with a swarthy countenance almost wholly shrouded in a mask of dusky whiskers and moustaches.

The traveller was received with civility, and after partaking of a hearty supper, was conducted up an old, crazy staircase, to his apartment for the night. Not much fancying the appearance of the place, and finding as he looked on the door, he fixed a chair against it; and after carefully priming his pistols, put them carefully under his pillow. He had not been long in bed when he heard a noise below, as of persons entering the house; and some time afterwards, was alarmed by the sound of a man's footstep on the staircase. He then perceived a light through the crevice of the door, against which the man gently pressed for admittance, but finding some resistance, he thrust it open sufficiently to admit his hand; he

then with extreme caution removed the chair, and entered the apartment.

The Chevalier then saw his host, with a lamp in one hand and a huge knife in the other, approaching the bed on tiptoe. The Chevalier cocked his pistol beneath the bedclothes, that the noise of the spring might not be heard.

When the man reached the side of the bed he held the light to the Chevalier's face, who pretended to be in a profound sleep; but contrived, nevertheless, to steal an occasional glance at his fearful host. The man soon turned from him, and after hanging the lamp on the led-post, went to the other end of the room and brought to the bedside a chair, on which he immediately mounted, with the tremendous knife still in his hand.

At the very moment that the Chevalier was about to start up from the bed and shoot at him, the man in a hurried manner cut several enormous slices from a piece of bacon that was hanging over his bedstead, which had been wholly unnoticed before by the astute traveller. The host then passed the light before his eyes again, and left the room in the same cautious way in which he had entered it and, unconscious of the danger he had created, returned to a crowd of new and hungry guests below stairs, who were of course not very sorry to perceive that he had "saved his bacon."

VARIETIES.

What is the best way to curb a wild young man?—To bride him.

In a coffee-house in London the following hint was once stuck up by a witty wag: "Gentlemen learning to spell are requested to use yesterday's papers."

A medical man asked his legal adviser how he could punish a servant who had stolen a canister of valuable snuff. "I am not aware of any act," said the lawyer, "that makes it penal to take snuff."

A commercial gentleman stopping overnight at a hotel in the North, in the morning called for the Liverpool daily papers, when he was met with the cool reply, "We don't take village papers here."

The friends of a celebrated wit expressed some surprise that, at his age, and with his fondness for the bottle, he should have thought it necessary to marry. "A wife was necessary," he said. "My acquaintance began to say that I drank too much for a single man."

In an action for a breach of promise of marriage, the defendant's counsel asked the plaintiff, "Did the plaintiff enter into a positive agreement to marry?" "Not exactly," she replied; "but he courted me, good deal, and he told my sister that he intended to marry into our family."

A traveller stopped at an inn to breakfast, having drunk a cup of what was given to him. A servant asked, "What will you take, sir, tea or coffee?" "That depends upon circumstances," was the reply. "If what you gave me last was tea, I will coffee; if it was coffee, I want tea. I want a change."

It is better to be laughed at for not being married than to be unable to laugh because you are.

When do we begin to love people? When they begin to let us look into their hearts, and their hearts are found to be worth looking into.

A lady teaching in a London ragged school, was reading in the Bible about "what and chaff," but that not one of her scholars had an idea of what wheat was; but on asking them what "chaff" might be, there was an immediate holding up of hands, a signal of comprehension, and a unanimous reply, "Impudence, ma'am." Another lady asked her scholars in the course of a lecture on "Gratitude," what were in the course of the year they most thoroughly enjoyed. After a thoughtful pause, the last boy in the class looked up and said with simple earnestness, "Cock-fighting, ma'am." On another occasion, a teacher proposed to a class of lads the question, "What is conscience?" Immense difficulty was found in giving an answer, but eventually the following ingenious definition was supplied:—"Conscience is a thing which a gentleman ain't got, who, when he finds his handkercher and gives it him, doesn't give the boy sixpence."

SUBTRACTION AND ADDITION.—A chimney-sweep boy went into a baker's shop for a two-penny loaf, and observing it to be diminutive in size, returned to the baker that he did not believe it was worth the money. "Never mind that," said the man of dough, "I will have the loss to carry."—"True," replied the lad, and throwing three-half-pence on the counter, left the shop. The baker called after him, "You had no right money enough." "Never mind that," said young scoundrel, "you will have the loss to carry."

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From Europe.

A Financial Crash in England.

The steamship Cuba, from Liverpool on the 12th, Queenstown on the 13th, arrived at Halifax on the 14th, on the way to Boston. She brings a week's news, of which the most important feature is the expected announcement that there has been a severe and alarming financial panic, which has led to the suspension of the Bank Charter Act, by which, in ordinary times, the Bank of England is limited to issue only £14,000,000 of notes more than it has gold to represent. The telegraphic sum of news, however, does not explain the immensely exciting cause of this panic—whether it is due to the fear of war in Europe, or is merely result of overdone speculation. The panic had led to intense excitement throughout England, but the time the Cuba sailed, there was a better feeling and a general improvement in most securities. A financial panic culminated late on Thursday noon, the 10th, in the suspension of Overend, Gurney, & Co. The business of the house was wound up in August last into a limited liability society with a nominal capital of five millions sterling, and a million and a half was paid up. The liabilities are stated at from ten to twelve million pounds. The breakdown is attributed to heavy speculative sales of shares, which forced them down 10 per cent to a discount. Depositors then began to get alarmed, and the run on the 10th was very great. Application for assistance was made at the Bank of England, but the Governors declined to grant it on the ground that it would be vain, in a crisis of the present, to assist one establishment unless they were prepared to help other applicants as well. Too late to make a call on the shareholders or on any other step. The doors of the establishment were consequently closed. The failure does not compromise the Gurney bank at Norwich. The following morning intense excitement prevailed in the financial circles of London, Liverpool, and other centres, and business was almost suspended. Times of the 12th, in its early article, says:—The Bank of England yesterday raised its rate of discount from 8 to 9 per cent, and the charge for advances to 10. The pressure, even at these rates was enormous, and it was only on unexpected bills that an accommodation could be obtained. Meanwhile additional and most serious diversions were hourly announced. The first was that of a comparatively small bank, the English Joint Stock Bank, £200,000. Then came that of Peter & B. & Co. £200,000 sterling. Then that of W. Shrimpton, a contractor, for £200,000; and finally it was found that the Imperial Mercantile Credit Association, whose paid up capital is half-a-million sterling and the Consolidated Discount Company, with a paid up capital of a quarter of a million sterling, with extremely heavy commitments, pass into liquidation.

Coming into account the depreciation that has since occurred in English funds, railway and securities, &c., the diminution in the market value of this property since the beginning of the year is considered to reach one hundred and thirty millions sterling, to say nothing of the losses in cotton goods, iron and other articles."

Times, in an editorial article, says:—"If we can justify the suspension of the Bank Charter Act, the panic which swayed the city to and fro on any excuse the step, although we believe the cause of terror was approaching its end, and would speedily ceased had no infraction of the bank law permitted. Even now it is probable the Bank of England will not be used. It can never be denied that about mid-day yesterday a mob became a riot. The doors of the most respectable banking houses were besieged, more perhaps mob actuated by a strange sympathy than by the crowd. Banks and throngs heaving and tumbling Lombard-street made that narrow thoroughfare impassable. Such excitement on all sides has not been witnessed since the great crisis of 1825. Each man exaggerated the suspicions of his neighbor, and a mail report, at that time not published, was circulated in the afternoon that the government had authorized the bank directors to issue five millions additional notes, it seemed as if the fears and distrust of the commercial world had suddenly become boundless. The statement was baseless at the time, but served to inflame the panic, which had no solid foundation. Even the announcement of Sir Morton Peto's suspension did not revive the panic in its intensity, and the statement of the other stoppages produced little effect."

The Daily News applauds the wise and prompt action of the government in suspending the Bank Charter, and says:—"The action of the government was announced in the House of Commons on Friday at midnight by Mr. Gladstone, who had been engaged all the evening in consultation with bankers and others, who represented to him that the panic in the city was without parallel in the financial history of the country. Mr. Gladstone said he had addressed a letter to the Governors of the Bank of England to the effect that, if they should find occasion to afford relief to the wants of legitimate commerce, and make such advance as would require the issue of notes beyond the amount allotted by the act, the government recommended them not to hesitate in doing so, and undertook in the event of that course, to make immediate application to Parliament for a bill of indemnity."

THE GERMAN DIFFICULTY.—The continental war continues warlike, but a Berlin despatch of the 12th says that hopes are still entertained in some quarters for the maintenance of peace, probably on the ground that Austria will make some concessions. It is believed that no formal treaty has yet been concluded between Prussia and Italy. A Paris correspondent of the Telegraph believes on good authority that there is still a chance for peace in England and Russia will join France in a coalition.

THE ITALIAN DIFFICULTY.—In Florence papers regard war as inevitable, and speak of a modification of the ministry about to take place. La Marmora will receive the military command.

The Fenian Fizzle.

Chief Organizer Stephens' speech to the Fenians of New York commenced with an intimation that he was first informed, towards the close of December, 1857, that the organization had been commenced in America, and that he was requested to start and direct a similar one in Ireland. On the 17th of March, 1858, certain stipulations had been made with his friends in America for the new fund having been accepted to its began the conspiracy in Ireland; but the promised instalments not being forthcoming, he went to New York in September of that year, where he met with many difficulties, to which he did not wish particularly to allude. He was again provided with many amount of funds or arms—but confessed that during the first six years of the organization in America, all the money received thence in Ireland was £1,500! So in 1864 Mr. Stephens had to pay another visit to America when he found that the Fenian Brotherhood numbered only 10,000, instead of 50,000 or 100,000, as they had been led to believe in Ireland. At that time, according to Stephens, the organized Fenian force in Ireland was 40,000 men—and it was this statement that effected the improvement in the American organization. He admitted that he made an engagement that if England went to war in 1864 on the Danish question the Fenians should take the field, and that whether there was war or not, they should take the field in 1865. Instead of sending money, the Brotherhood in America sent delegates to Ireland, one of whom, Meehan, lost some documents, which loss was the immediate cause of the arrest of the Fenian prisoners in Ireland—Mr. Stephens then claimed that the organization in Ireland, towards the close of last year, numbered 200,000, of whom 50,000 are thoroughly drilled, as many more partially drilled, and the remainder undrilled. All they wanted was arms, with which they could overcome any available

force England could send to Ireland.—This promising state of affairs for the liberation of Ireland was heightened by the news of the disruption of the organization in America. To hear that breaks the object of the Chief Organizer's present visit. His earnest appeal for aid was not responded to, for neither Roberts or Sweeny, who had been invited to come, nor any of their followers, were present to listen to it. Stephens is allowed to make a tour of the United States, in order, of course, to collect more funds. In the meantime he has taken charge of the affairs of the Irish Republic in New York, the business of which he is determined to have transacted in secret for the future.

The Herald has a statement that Sweeny has said recently that he was satisfied Stephens was nothing more nor less than a British spy, and that he was allowed to escape from prison by the British authorities for the sole purpose of visiting this country in their interests.

The Kingston Whig of Friday last says:—"A Kingstonian just arrived from the West states that the Fenians of Chicago freely boast of a raid on some part of Canada, which they assert will take place within a fortnight at least. The members of the brotherhood in that direction are supporters of Sweeny and Roberts, who are now in secret session in New York, planning a nefarious design—perhaps a dash on some defenceless town or other on the frontier, in order to regain the prestige of the brotherhood. The funds have been ruthlessly squandered by those in authority, and they positively must do something to keep their deluded followers in good faith; otherwise the subscriptions would be discontinued and the leaders forced to retire for want of support."

A despatch from Erie, Pa., says that eighty-seven cases of arms belonging to the New York Fenian society have been seized in that city. They were consigned to J. F. Cronin, head center of that county.

An official despatch from Admiral Nunez, commanding the Spanish fleet off Valparaiso, somewhat conflicts with the rather pretentious statements of the American Commodore. Nunez states that the U. S. commander, in a visit which the latter paid the former, spoke of his intended forcible opposition to the bombardment, but that "he had subsequently arrived at the conclusion that right was on the side of Spain, and that he would not oppose, but move out of the way on the morning of the 21st."

The bombardment of Callao, in Peru, which took place on the 2nd instant, resulted in the repulse of the Spanish fleet. Admiral Nunez was badly wounded, and all the Spanish vessels were damaged. The city was only slightly damaged. The Peruvian Secretary of war was killed.

NOTICE.

Mineral Districts' Railway.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APPLICATION will be made at the next Session of the Provisional Parliament, for an Act to incorporate a Company to BUILD A RAILWAY from BELLEVILLE, through the Mineral Regions of North West, by the Valley of the River, Moira, and for a grant of Public Lands in aid of the construction thereof, also for a necessary power enabling said Company to construct a Canal, connecting the head waters of the Bay of Quinte with Lake Ontario, through Weller's Bay or otherwise.
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

The following is the Time Table of the passenger trains on the Grand Trunk Railway at the Belleville Station:

Day Express going East, 11:25 A. M.	
Night Express going East, 12:05 A. M.	
Alfred Train going East, 10:37 P. M.	
Day Express going West, 7:15 P. M.	
Night Express going West, 7:10 A. M.	
Alfred Train going West, 11:50 A. M.	
Central Time.	



THE MADOC MERCURY

AND NORTH RIDING NEWS.

MADOC, SATURDAY, MAY 23.

Owing to an accident, which converted one of our "forms" suddenly into a mass of "pie," we are compelled this week to issue only a half sheet. We may perhaps have to claim the indulgence of our subscribers for a short allowance next week also, as with our limited resources in the matter of obtaining "assistance at once" on an emergency, it will occupy all the time we can command to repair damages.

The Queen's Birthday in Madoc.

It is one of the peculiarities of the mode in which the anniversary of the birth of our well beloved Queen is celebrated in this village, that although everybody knows we shall make a holiday of it, and get up some sports and amusements for the occasion, not a word is ever said on the subject till the very last moment. As a necessary consequence, there is a want of method and pre-arrangement, and the public do not get as much enjoyment out of the holiday as they might do, with a carefully prepared programme. It was not until Saturday last that any steps were taken for duly celebrating the day, and then a subscription for fireworks and prizes for games was commenced. A notice was also issued, announcing that a royal salute of 21 guns would be fired at noon; and that there would be races and other games, a goose polo to climb, &c., in the afternoon; and fireworks in the evening of the 24th of May.

The preliminary and necessary part of the proceedings—the subscription list—had a fair start: the Ladies' Bazaar having given us, in common with the whole province, a keener perception of the advantages we enjoy as a part of the British Empire, and stimulated the usual feeling of loyalty to a higher pitch than ordinary. A general expression was given to this sentiment by more liberal donations than on former occasions, and by a determination to substitute for the number-right flags of previous years a display of genuine British banners.

THE FLAG.

Materials for the "Village Flag" were accordingly procured, and were soon deftly wrought by Miss Armstrong, Miss Cross, and Mrs. Vannorsam into a very handsome Royal white ensign. Equally handsome flags of the same design were displayed—by Mr. Hayes, at his residence; at the store of A. B. Ross & Bro., and at Moon's Hotel. The Red Cross of St. George surmounted the roof of O'Flynn & Jones' store, and Mr. Green's office; while flags of "red, white, and blue" floated in front of the Post office and Deane & Gray's store. Sundry other smaller flags, with "V. H." "God Save the Queen," and similar devices, contributed to give the village as gay an aspect, in this respect, as could be desired.

In consequence of the accident to Mr. English (mentioned elsewhere) it was deemed better to dispense with the regular Royal Salute; at noon, lest the noise and concussion should injuriously affect him—but the "cannon" was nevertheless occasionally brought up during the day, and some powder expended in making as loud reports as possible.

THE GAMES.

Which consisted of various foot races, running and standing jumps, &c., &c.—were not, it must be confessed, particularly lively or generally interesting, at the commencement, the competitors being mostly hemmed in by a small crowd, who were bound to see all that they could, although they thereby prevented the rest of the would-be spectators from seeing anything at all. A high wind and clouds of dust also created considerable discomfort, and tended to make this part of the day's proceedings rather slow. Subsequently a successful attempt was made to clear the course when the hurdle race was run, and then every body was able to witness and take an interest in the sport.

The following is the list of the winners of the prizes:—

Foot Races for boys under 12 years of age—H. Eadie, E. Seymour, Geo. Caverly, and W. J. Craig.
Foot Race, any age—John Armstrong.
Running Jump—A. Vannorsam.
Running Leap—S. D. Ross.
Standing Jump—J. Armstrong.
Foot Race over three hurdles—A. Maybee and W. Squires.

Blindfold Race—Joe Long and A. Savigins.
Of a greatly potent being also, other beyond the climbing powers of anything but a bear or a monkey, the boys determined to get hold of the dollar on the top in some other way—and commenced an assault with sticks and stones which soon brought the prize to the ground. They did not make much by their strategic movement, as Capt. Rowe, who acted as Master of the Ceremonies, gallantly gave chase to the boy who ran away with the bill, and recovered the money.

THE FIREWORKS.

Of the display of fireworks we may say that—although not quite equal to those we remember in days of old at Vauxhall, the Surrey Zoological, or Cremorne Gardens—it was the best we have yet seen in the back woods, and although not very magnificent, it was as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

SAD ACCIDENT.—The Rev. Mr. English, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Madoc, met, we regret to state, with a very painful and serious accident on Tuesday morning last. He was passing through the stable, when he was kicked so violently by a mare belonging to the Rev. J. Howell, that his nose, cheek bone, and upper jaw were smashed and broken. Had the blow struck him an inch or two higher, he would in all probability have been killed on the spot. His absence led Mr. Howell, who was about to start to Belleville with him, to seek him to ascertain the cause of delay. He found Mr. English, who had been stunned for a few minutes, returning to the house thus shockingly injured; and at once procured the professional assistance of Drs. Loomis and Jones. The danger of the brain becoming affected, for a time rendered Mr. English's condition somewhat critical; but we are glad to learn that he is now progressing most favourably towards recovery, without fever or inflammation, and that he is not likely to be permanently disfigured to anything like the extent

that might have been anticipated from the serious nature of his injuries.

The Railway.

Under the above heading, the *Chronicle*, of the 21st inst., refers to the action of the Lincoln Town Council on the Railway question; and also copies the short paragraph we published last week about the petitions at the Bannochnburn post office in favour of the Bridgewater route: upon which our contemporary remarks as follows:—

"The latter sentence of the above quotation maintains the point. If the petition is to be used for legitimate purpose, viz., to secure the construction of our railway by the proper route, through the proper section of country, and with a view to the best interests of the County at large, what need is there of any hole-and-corner petitioning? If the route laid down by the petition is the route best calculated to develop the great mineral resources of our huck and county, what need is there of any secret move to secure that route? Let the fact be fairly stated. But the move is secret there are many evidences. For instance, the headings for the petitions mentioned as well as those which we have heard have been sent to Rawdon, Marmora, Huntington, E. & W. H. Hanger, &c., were printed at the *Wellington* office, which, two issues of that paper have been sent forth without mention of the fact that such petitions are in circulation. Our contemporary is usually very alive in collecting items of local news,—how is it that this important move was not noted by him? In the petitions that are now being stealthily circulated were mentioned at the Queen's Birthday banquet we are indebted for that information to the *Mercury* and not to the reporter supplied by the *Wellington*, whose staff were present on that occasion. Again, the Resolution carried by the County Council in February, simply asks for the construction of a Railway 'via the valley of the Mole.' Contrast the request with that of the Madoc Council, and what petitions now in circulation asking for a route via Bridgewater, and add to it the secrecy with which petitions are being circulated, and the efforts made by Township Councils are being worked up, and see there is not a cause for apprehension. Perhaps, the route via Bridgewater is the proper way, but strange that Madoc and other townships should themselves out to ask for the construction of a road via that route in preference to any other, perhaps the construction of the road that way may lead to its stoppage at Bridgewater. We want of funds or other causes, and leave the petitioners of other townships out in the cold. Again, repeat, if there be nothing to conceal, no advantage to be secured, for one section of the minor districts over that of all others, there was no need of secrecy. If Marmora, Lake, Tudor and Madoc are to have their claims duly protected, why is it sought to be the road, under any and every consideration, to take a Bridgewater, when to go there may possibly be the object we have in view in securing a Railway, the development of the vast mineral resources of the back country, wherever they have already been found or may hereafter be found to exist.

To secure this end, and in a measure to testify our false impression that may arise from the presentation of petitions asking for a particular route, we understand that other petitions will in a few days be placed in circulation, asking the Government to construct a road from Belleville through the mineral regions of North Hastings, by a short route as shall best conduce to the full development of the vast mineral resources, as by official reports to exist in that section of the country.

The Milton Champion says there is some prospect of a woollen factory being established there by gentlemen from Madoc. He was there on Thursday last, and received every encouragement to go on with his enterprise from the leading inhabitants of the place.

THE DINNER TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN BELLEVILLE.—We understand that there were rather more than four hundred persons present at the dinner to the Volunteers on the Queen's Birthday, including invited guests, among whom were the clergy and some of the leading merchants, &c., of the town. The chair was occupied by the Mayor, Mr. A. B. Ross, the first vice-chair by the Warden, Mr. Morgan, passed off well, but before all the guests were expended, the drinking was brought to an end close by the outbreak of a fire in the large hall, which destroyed eight or nine frames of